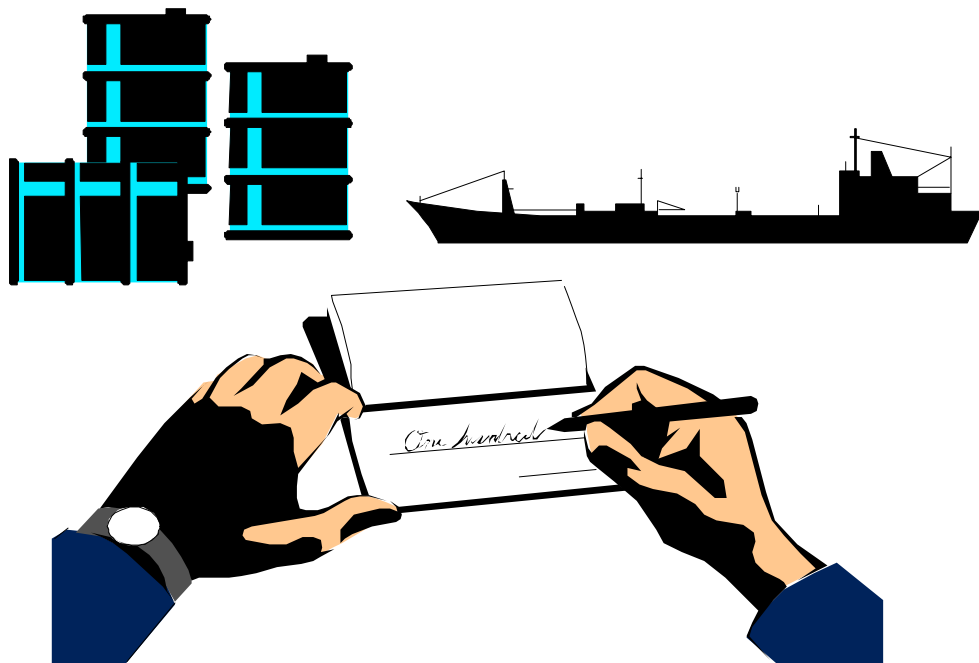


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- CHANGE 01** - **August 1994.** Consolidates NPFC Technical Operating Procedures (TOPs), policies, and procedures. **ACTION:** Establishes the “NPFC Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund User Guide.”
- CHANGE 02** - **March 1995.** Consolidates NPFC TOPs, policies, and procedures. **ACTION:** Replace August 1994 “NPFC Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund User Guide” in its entirety with March 1995 “NPFC User Reference Guide.”
- CHANGE 03** - **July 1995.** Consolidates NPFC TOPs policies, and procedures. **ACTION:** Replace March 1995 “NPFC User Reference Guide” in its entirety with July 1995 “NPFC User Reference Guide.”
- CHANGE 04** - **January 1996.** Add NPFCINST M7300.1 Technical Operating Procedures for Determining Removal Costs Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90). **ACTION:** Replace Chapter 3, subtab 3 draft “NPFC TOPs for Determining Removal Costs Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90)” dated 15 May 1995 with NPFCINST M7300.1 dated 16 January 1996.
- CHANGE 05** - **June 1996.** Consolidates NPFC TOPs, policies, and procedures. **ACTION:** Replace July 1995 “NPFC Fund User Reference Guide” in its entirety with July 1996 “NPFC User Reference Guide.”
- CHANGE 06** - **January 1997.** Consolidates NPFC TOPs, policies, and procedures. **ACTION:** Replace July 1996 “NPFC User Reference Guide” in its entirety with January 1997 “NPFC User Reference Guide.”
- CHANGE 07** - **June 1999.** Annual update and reorganization of Reference Guide contents. **ACTION:** Replace January 1997 “NPFC User Reference Guide” in its entirety with June 1999 “NPFC User Reference Guide.”
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Foreword

I am quite proud of the continuing progress the National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) has made in reaching our customers since we first opened for business in February 1991. The core philosophy behind our dynamic outreach program has always been to provide the environmental response community with the information they need to do their jobs the right way the first time. This provides significant benefits to the NPFC as well, in that the quality of cost documentation has increased significantly with commensurate reduction in turn-around time to settle claims and recover response costs. To maintain this state of preparation, we work to ensure that our diverse group of customers has the available training and "how to" information they need to comply with the administrative requirements that accompany utilization of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF). The primary audience includes Coast Guard and EPA On-Scene Coordinators, natural resource trustees, cleanup contractors, and the maritime industry.

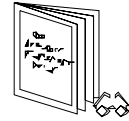
This NPFC User Reference Guide is a key component of our training and outreach program and is the primary textbook given to those who participate in our outreach seminars. It is a dynamic and comprehensive information reference that is continuously being revised, based upon ongoing customer feedback, as well as NPFC experience and policy developments. I hope you, the Fund user, will find it a valuable tool to accomplish your environmental response mission.

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Jan P. Lane, Director
National Pollution Funds Center

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